

Code is a tradition! Not a distraction!

I propose that we keep CW as a requirement to gain the HF privileges. By doing this we will maintain the tradition of Morse Code. Keeping Morse Code alive will serve as a reminder of how it has played a vital role throughout history, to people all over the world.

By requiring code for the HF privileges we will pay tribute to how Morse Code was historically instrumental, and acknowledge those operators that master the skill.

By including the code requirement for HF privileges we will “encourage” those who want to be a part of this “special” group that will hold Extra classification.

If we eliminate all of our traditions what will we have left? They will be forgotten.

NCI contends code is keeping newcomers away from Amateur Radio. How? They have the option of being a Technician without code. This license allows them to be a part of the radio community, learn and apply theory, and be on the air. They can participate in local, state and national radio clubs. Code is not holding them back from Amateur Radio! Only their own personal desire to advance will hold them back!

Example: No one starts as the “Manager” of a team! They advance through the steps until they reach a level at which they no longer have the desire to achieve the requirements for advancement!” It is a personal choice! In Amateur Radio you can begin as a Technician and advance according to your own willingness to achieve the requirements for advancement to General, and then on to Extra! It is a step-by-step process based on personal choice.

Many of those in opposition to the CW requirement have used a form letter from No Code International to voice their opinion. They are using someone else’s words do their speaking for them. Is this why they can’t study and learn code? No one will do it for them? Don’t they want to take the time to learn? They want to take the easy way out?

If No Code International succeeds in doing away with CW all over the world, then what will be next? No *Theory* International?

No Code International says other countries are eliminating CW as a requirement and America should follow. Well, I feel that America should be the leader not the follower! The FCC and the American Amateur Radio Community should stand up and say, “We are the United States of America and we are keeping CW as a requirement!”

If an operator wants to be licensed with the HF privileges then they need to work for that privilege!

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